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SUBJECT:HABIB VISIT: ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID FOR MALAY-
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REF: A) KUALA LUMPUR 2691; B) KUALA LUMPUR 2592;
C) KUALA LUMPUR 2563.

CANBERRA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB WILL BE DISCUSSING MALAYSIAN
REQUEST FOR MILITARY TRAINING AND CREDIT PURCHASES WITH YOU
WHEN HE REACHES KUALA LUMPUR. HE IS ALSO LOOKING FORWARD
TO DISCUSSING SUBJECT WITH RAZAK, WITH PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF
GETTING MORE SPECIFIC IDEA AS TO KIND AND QUANTITY OF
ASSISTANCE PRIME MINISTER HAS IN MIND. QUESTION OF U.S.
RESPONSE TO MALAYSIAN REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED AFTER HABIB
RETURNS WASHINGTON FOLLOWING HIS TALKS WITH YOU AND GOM
LEADERSHIP.

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2. WE FIND SOMEWHAT BAFFLING ZAIN AZRAAI'S COMMENT TO YOU THAT RAZAK RECEIVED IMPRESSION FROM HABIB OF U.S. INTEREST IN EXTENDING ECONOMIC AID TO MALAYSIA. IMS COUNTRY DIRECTOR INGRAHAM, WHO WAS PRESENT AT HABIB'S MAY 2 NEW YORK MEETING WITH RAZAK, DOES NOT RECALL ANY REMARKS BY EITHER PARTY

WHICH COULD BE CONSTRUED AS SUGGESTING THAT USG WAS CONTEMPLATING, OR MALAYSIA WAS INTERESTED IN, ECONOMIC AID.

3. FEW DAYS AFTER NEW YORK MEETING, MALAYSIAN EMBOFFS CAME TO DEPT SEEKING "CONFIRMATION" THAT USG WAS CONSIDERING ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID FOR MALAYSIA. DEPTOFF TOLD THEM HE UNDERSTOOD RAZAK HAD MENTIONED MILITARY AID IN NEW YORK MEETING AND THAT HABIB HAD INDICATED ONLY THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBJECT DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO MALAYSIA. DEPTOFF ADDED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY MENTION OF ECONOMIC AID IN NEW YORK MEETING. INGERSOLL

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